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Transmittal # 101 CHAMPVA Policy Manual

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**PUBLICATIONS AND TRANSMITTAL CHANGE
FOR THE CHAMPVA PM (POLICY MANUAL)**

Explanation of the changes and related index updates to the CHAMPVA PM are in the following summary.

Transmittal changes may include removal of supplemental language previously noted in the body of the policy or the transmittal memorandum.

MTOC (Master Table of Contents)

- Amends the MTOC by adding title change for Chapter 2, Section 22.5, *Botulinum Toxin A Injections to read Botulinum Toxin Injections.*

Chapter 2, Section 13.1, INITIAL HOSPITAL VISITS.

- Amends Authority.
- Removes Effective Date and reference to the 90000 and 99000 series CPT codes.
- Under Policy removes reference to services that are considered an integral part of the initial inpatient care.
- Under Policy Considerations removes reference to the Physicians' Current Procedural Terminology, Fourth Edition.

Chapter 2, Section 13.2, FOLLOW-UP HOSPITAL VISITS.

- Amends Authority.
- Removes Effective Date and reference to the 90000 and 99000 series CPT codes.
- Under Policy Considerations removes reference to the need for medical review of claims (CPT 99232-99233) which exceed seven-days.

Chapter 2, Section 13.3, PRE AND POST SURGICAL HOSPITAL VISITS.

- Amends Authority.
- Removes Effective Date and reference to the 90000 and 99000 series CPT codes.
- Under Exceptions removes reference to the Physicians' Current Procedural Terminology, Fourth Edition.

Chapter 2, Section 13.7, LATE DISCHARGE.

- Under Policy clarifies that costs associated with a late discharge are not covered.
- Removes Policy Considerations.

Chapter 2, Section 13.8, PRIVATE DUTY NURSING HOSPITAL WITH SPECIALIZED ICU (INTENSIVE CARE UNIT)

- Amends Title.
- Amends Authority.

Chapter 2, Section 22.5, BOTULINUM TOXIN INJECTIONS.

- Amends Title.
- Under Effective Dates adds December 8, 2000, for MYOBLOC™(Botulinum Toxin B) Injections.
- Amends Procedure Codes.
- Under Description adds MYOBLOC™.
- Under Policy adds Botulinum toxin B injections are covered for the treatment of patients with cervical dystonia to reduce the severity of abnormal head position and neck associated with cervical dystonia.
- Under Exclusions adds lower back pain/lumbago; other primary headache disorders; palmar hyperhidrosis; strabismus in patients under age 12; and urinary urge incontinence.

Chapter 2, Section 26.14, ULTRASOUND (GENERAL)

- Under Exclusions adds ultrasound spinal canal and contents for spinal scanning in adults for inflammatory conditions of the spine and nerve roots or as guidance for facet or epidural injections.

Chapter 2, Section 27.1, INTEGUMENTARY SYSTEM.

- Amends Procedure Codes.
- Under Exclusions adds endoscopic thoracic sympthectomy when performed in the treatment of hyperhidrosis.

Chapter 2, Section 30.7, CHELATION THERAPY.

- Amends Procedure Code.

Code Index. Amends index to add and delete codes referenced in this transmittal.

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